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NOTICE OF MEETING

Next meeting will be held in the Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum, on Thursday, 15th June, at 7.45.p.m.

NEXT OUTING

Take the Risdon Vale Bus (Myer, Liverpool Street) at 9.30.a.m. on Saturday June 17th, alighting on the ridge before the gaol.

We propose walking across the hills to Flagstaff, and finishing at Warrane, catching the bus which leaves Shackleton Street at 4.p.m.

Bring picnic lunch and water and be equipped according to the weather. Why not boil the billy and cook a chop? Bring binoculars and camera (according to taste and carrying capacity.)

No 'leader' this time - just a co-operative effort! You observe according to your fancy - flora, fauna, beasties, scenery or what have you!

Visitors Welcome.....

PRELIMINARY NOTICE - JULY MEETING.

The Club should by then have received a copy, from the South West Committee, of their proposed Management Plan for the South West National Park. We propose to spend the major portion of the meeting discussing this plan, so that we all understand its implications. There might be modifications we could suggest, or recommendations we could make. This is our opportunity to help with ideas for Tasmania's South West.

THE TASMANIAN TIGER

Mr. Griffiths

(from a University in N.S.W.)

and Mr. Malley

(a farmer from N.W. Tasmania)

have spent a great deal of time searching for
Tasmanian Tigers.They have given the Club a well-documented account
of all the evidence they have collected.

This is available for perusal by Club Members.

PLANS FOR THE CITY OF HOBART - for H.C.C.
The Hobart City Council would be glad to have ideas
from our Club on the management, or improvement of
the Council's reserves such as the Mountain Park,
Lambert Park, and so on.If you can make any suggestions the Club would
be pleased to forward them to the Council.

FEDFRATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUBS OF TASMANIA.
It will soon be time to think of items for the agenda
for the next meeting which should be held in about
three months' time.The Federation is a body which can collate ideas from
a number of clubs, discuss matters which are of
concern to all Tasmanians - and make a combined
approach to public bodies such as Parliament, Local
Government, Public Works, Lands and Surveys, and so on.They deal in such matters as defence of conservation
areas, proposed new areas for special conservation
uses, prevention of pollution, suggested bush tracks,
- in fact - the Federation is a "Watchdog" and WE are
its eyes. The Secretary writes many letters on our
behalf - a great number of them to politicians who hold
the purse strings, and the authority to GET THINGS DONE.If you have any matters which you think are suitable
for the Federation to get to work on, please let us
know. We send delegates to their meetings.

PINE FOREST ECOLOGY

At the last meeting of the Federation of Field Naturalists Clubs the subject of the Ecology of Pine Forests was brought up. Pine Forests growing in their natural habitat in the northern countries appear to be teeming with life whereas we don't think there is much life in Tasmanian pine forests.

The same thing has been noticed 'in reverse'. We hear that Eucalypt forests, planted in other countries, don't seem to have much life in them.

It was thought that we should try to find out what WAS in our pine forests and Mr. Wall said he was interested in this subject and was willing to collate any information and make it available to the Federation.

Members' help would be welcomed in this matter. If anyone has the opportunity to spend some time in a pine forest note could be taken of the following points

Where the observations were made.

How much time spent, and time of day.

The height of the trees.

Special note of any 'life' noticed within 100 feet of the boundaries, or fire-breaks within the forest.

Any member interested in this project might get in touch with Mr. Wall.

OUTINGS

Where do you like to go for Outings?

Can you suggest any places where the Club has not been for some time?

Where would good places be for specific purposes - such as water-life? Robins? Frogs? Geology? Ants? Honey-eaters? orchids? Scenery? Grubs? Timid bush birds? Spiders? Crabs? Lichens? Mosses? Salt-water plants? Certain kinds of shells? Fish? Eucalypts of various kinds? Wattle? Gem-stones? Sea-weeds?

Who would volunteer to lead an Outing?

Any suggestions will be welcomed by the Secretary,.

When learning botanical names for our wild flowers, a little knowledge of Latin or Greek would be an aid to memory.

See how the following names work out when you are given a clue.....

The Blackwood - *Acacia melanoxylon*

Akakia from akis, ake, Gr. for point.
mela - black xylon - wood.

Fpacrism... epi - upon akris - a high place, mountain.

The Blackboy or Grasstree is *Xanthorrhoea*

Xanthos - yellow and rhoe - a flow referring to the resin that flows from the stem.

Waratah *Telopea truncata*

Gr. telopos - seen from afar
L. truncata, ending abruptly as though cut off, referring to the shape of the wing of the seed.

Snow-gums *Eucalyptus coccinea*

eu - well kalyptos - covered, alluding to the cap that covers the stamens in the bud.
coccineus - scarlet ... the flat top of the sum-ruit is RED !

Hakea rostrata

Baron von Hake, German patron of botany.

rostratus - beaked.. referring to the reflexed conical beak of the fruit.

Lomatia polymorpha

Loma - a border, referring to the winged edge to the seeds

poly - many morpha - shapes.. the shapes of the leaves vary.

Tea-tree *Leptospermum scoparium*

leptos - slender sperma - a seed, referring to the shape of the seed - very thin, almost threadlike.

scoparium -broomlike, or twirly branches.